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For:

USING A CLUSTER-WIDE SHARED REPOSITORY TO

PROVIDE THE LATEST CONSISTENT DEFINITION OF THE CLUSTER (AVOIDING THE PARTITION-IN-TIME PROBLEM)

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

[] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and [] 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM | | | | | | |

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[X] A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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